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SUBJECT: ISRAEL CRITICIZES FRENCH UNSC VOTE

1. FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL GOI STATEMENT CONCERNING JANUARY 27 MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR HERLY ON FRENCH SUPPORT FOR SIX-NATION NONALIGNED DRAFT RESOLUTION.

BEGIN TEXT:

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. YIGAL ALLON, TODAY (JANUARY 27) SUMMONED THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL, M. JEAN HERLY, AND EXPRESSED TO HIM ISRAEL'S DISSATISFACTION WITH FRANCE'S VOTE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MIDDLE EAST DEBATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

3. THE AMBASSADOR WAS REQUESTED TO CONVEY TO HIS GOVERNMENT ISRAEL'S DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE FACT THAT--ALONE AMONG WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES--THE FRENCH DELEGATION HAD LENT ITS SUPPORT TO THE ONE-SIDEDLY ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION WHICH, HAD IT BEEN PASSED, WOULD HAVE GRAVELY IMPAIRED THE PROCESS OF PEACE-MAKING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. MR. ALLON STRESSED THAT FRANCE'S

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SUPPORT OF THE PRO-ARAB RESOLUTION EVEN AFTER THE

REJECTION OF THE PROPOSED BRITISH AMENDMENT, WHICH HAD SOUGHT REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, STRENGTHENED THE HAND OF EXTREMISTS AND OPPONENTS OF ANY SETTLEMENT AMONG ARAB STATES, AND THIS MILITATED AGAINST PEACE IN THE AREA, WHICH IS THE AIM OF ISRAEL AND FRANCE'S DECLARED POLICY.

4. MR. ALLON POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE FAILURE OF THE SOVIET-SYRIAN-P.L.L.O. OFFENSIVE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE ONLY WAY OPEN TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF PEACE WAS TO RECONVENE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORIGINAL LETTERS OF INVITATION SENT OUT BY THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL. IN THIS FRAMEWORK ALL THE REGION'S PROBLEMS, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, CAN BE SOLVED.
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